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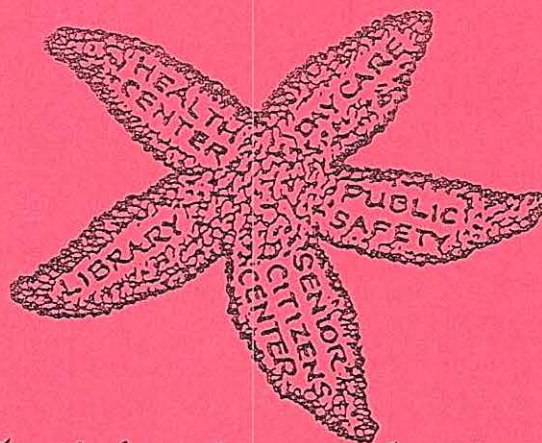
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# Peaks Island STAR

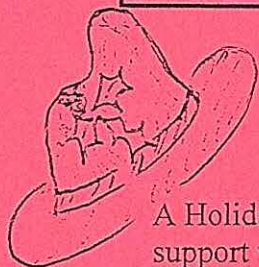


Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

December 2011

Volume 31

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

A Holiday Hat Raffle will "present" ways to win holiday cash as well as help the Auxiliary support veterans' needs and student scholarship. Look for "The Hat" at the island tree lighting on December 3. After that, it will be at the Café and around the island until the 5 PM drawing at the Legion on December 17. If you are going to the tree lighting, don't forget to take canned goods for the Food Pantry.

Note: Scholarship monies will be distributed during the holiday break. Previously named recipients should notify Beth Childs at 845 Seashore with important contact information ASAP!



*The Peaks Island Music Association  
co-sponsored by Brackett Memorial  
United Methodist Church present*

*The Twenty-Fifth Annual*

## ***Holiday Concert & Sing Along A Quarter Century of Community***

*featuring Helene Swartz, Poet - Barnabas Johnson, Pianist & Whistler  
The Peaks Island Chorale - The Maine Squeeze Accordion Ensemble  
The Casco Bay Tumblers, Klezmer Band - The Uncalled Four  
Other Island Musicians  
Directed by Nancy J. Hoffman*

***Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 2:15 and 7:00  
at Brackett Memorial Church***

*\$5 donation requested, \$1 for kids*



## Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance

When a group of Islanders got together to form Peaks Island Tax Assistance in May of 2005 in response to the large increase in property taxes we thought our tenure would be short-lived. Our first article noted our purpose: " Our mission is to assist island residents to remain in their homes despite extraordinary tax increases. " As we enter this season of peace and goodwill we are reminded that now and then some of our neighbors and friends need assistance with their property taxes or energy bills. Donations are needed all year long so that we may continue to offer assistance to those who need it.

When Lionel Plante Associates won the Caterpillar truck contest, Energy Assistance became winners, too. Plante will donate \$2100 for Energy Assistance this year. Thank you to all at Plante for this generous gift. We cannot wait for the truck to arrive and make its way around Peaks Island so we can all see this new piece of equipment on Peaks.

We would be remiss if we did not thank all of the Islanders who attend our Dinners, support our fundraising efforts and answer our requests for assistance. Plante and Peaks Island Fuel provide the fuel and energy services all year long. To the Peaks Islanders who constantly contribute food, goods and services, prizes, and money to PITEA, we thank and honor you for your generosity and caring. Last, but certainly not least those who produce the STAR every month and Kevin Attra and the Island Times Staff. Together we are NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS.

Cynthia Pedlikin, President

## **Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**CERT reminds all Islanders to be sure to display house numbers to assist emergency responders!**

**###**

## **What's Happening in Our Community?**

To find out about upcoming community events on Peaks Island, please visit [www.PeaksIsland.info](http://www.PeaksIsland.info). There you'll find an online Peaks Island community calendar, as well as information about various island meeting places, links to the websites of many Peaks Island organizations and a listing of Peaks Island businesses.

If your organization has a community event it would like listed, just fill out and submit the entry form on the website. Please note that events listed on the calendar are limited to Peaks Island community events, including those sponsored by on-island groups, benefit events, and general non-commercial meeting notices.



## St. Christopher's Second Annual Christmas Party December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm, at Jone's Landing

Everyone is invited to our second annual Christmas party with **games** for the kids, a **gift table** to do your shopping, a **raffle** with great prizes, delicious **refreshments**, and **music** by Peter Donnelly.

There will be a **Christmas Cookie Contest** so dust off your best cookie recipes and win a prize for Biggest Cookie, Cutest Cookie and Most "Christmasy" Cookie. Enter by bringing a dozen cookies to the party. Judging by our **special guest from the North Pole!** Please join us!!!

### St. Christopher's Catholic Church

**Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746**

**Sunday Mass** is at 10:00 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited - details are on-line [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).

**Christmas Party**: Join us at Jones' Landing from 1 to 3 PM on Sunday, December 4th to greet special guests and enjoy holiday treats.

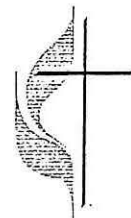
**Christmas Season**: includes Mass on Christmas Eve at 6 PM but not on that Sunday Christmas Day. New Years' Day Mass will be at 10 AM on Sunday, January 1, 2012.

**Information**: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.

### *Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church*

*Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds; We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation*; 9 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine

Pastor: Rev. Desi Larson; 207-766-5013; Admin.Asst. Mavourneen Thompson;  
[www.brackettmumc.org](http://www.brackettmumc.org)



#### WORSHIP

**Sunday Morning: Sunday School** "Advent Conspiracy", adults/youth 8:30 a., **Worship**, 10a., with childcare and followed by informal fellowship gathering in the church hall.

**Taize Service** Wednesdays, 6:30-7p.

**Sankta Lucia Service** Sunday December 4, 4p.

**Christmas Eve Services**: Verses and Carols with special music by Brackett Choir, directed by Jan Thomas (7p.) and Candlelight Service (11p.).

**Watch Night/Covenant Renewal Service** Saturday, December 31, 7p.

#### MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

**Scripture Study** Tuesdays, 8:30-10a., parsonage. All are welcome!

**Children's Choir** Tuesdays, 2:45-3:15p.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Thursdays, 12:30-2:30 p., parsonage. All are welcome! Contact Emily Sherwood, 766-5545.

**Open Tweens** Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-6p. Free and open to all 4-8 graders. Contact Celeste Bridgford: 766-5857.

**Tween Night** Fridays, December 2&16, 6:30-9:30p. Free and open to all 6-8 graders.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Under Milkwood Reading** (Author: Dylan Thomas) Saturday, December 3, evening. Free w/ donation for Food Pantry.

**Brackett Church Christmas Fair** Saturday, December 10, 9-3p.; Silent Auction continues to Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30p.

**Food Pantry at Brackett Church** Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-6p.

**Kids Who Care** Wednesdays, 12:45-2:30p., grades K-5, registration required.

## SENIOR NEWS

The Peaks Island seniors met on Monday, November 14th for their monthly pot luck luncheon. We celebrated two special birthdays for Edna Lyden and Janice Smith with plenty of good food and birthday cakes.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual holiday dinner at noon at the Fay Garman House Community Room. The Lions Club has generously donated a turkey for our holiday celebration. Please bring dishes that will complement our main entrée. All Seniors are welcome! If you don't consider yourself a Senior, come anyway!!!

We will not be having a pot luck luncheon in January and will resume our noon get togethers in February.

## **FAY GARMAN HOUSE** **Peaks Island, ME**

### **NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!!!**

**(Applicants must meet age & income requirements)**

For more information please visit our website [www.voanne.org](http://www.voanne.org)

To request an application or schedule a tour,  
call 766-2173 or 772-3837

The Fay Garman House is owned and operated by:



### **Loretta Voyer Fund Craft Fair at the Inn** **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 2pm**

Join Peaks Island artists and craftsmen in supporting the Loretta Voyer Fund.

Come to the Loretta Voyer Fund craft fair to find hundreds of **handmade gifts**. The Loretta Voyer Fund provides car ferry tickets to island residents with cancer, allowing them to travel to and from their hospital appointments more easily.

The craft fair is our annual fund raiser, but donations are accepted any time. Please send donations to The Loretta Voyer Fund, c/o Judy Piawlock, 676 Seashore Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108

This year, the crafters have decided to share the love!!! This year's raffle will benefit the Island Taxi, with donated craft items raffled off by the Island Taxi folks to "keep the wheels rolling."



**PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER**

**87 Central Avenue**

**Peaks Island, Maine**

**Phone: 766-2929**

**Fax: 766-5073**

**MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 10:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.**

**\*Clinic closed on Monday 12/26/11 and Monday 1/2/12**

**Sarah Fuhrman, F.N.P**

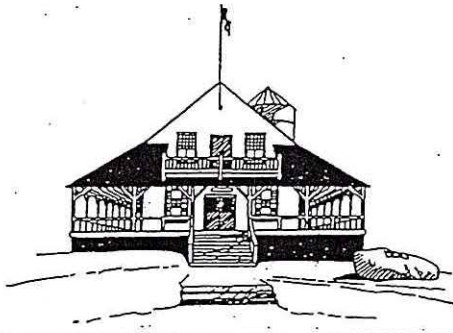
**Mary Grimaldi, Clinical Assistant**

**Please welcome Sarah Fuhrman, F.N.P to the Health Center. Sarah has worked at InterMed in the past and most recently has worked at Mercy Express. She has experience with Family Practice, Coagulation and Urgent Care. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation while we worked through this period of transition.**

**The lab tech is scheduled for Monday, December 12 from 8:30 to 10:30.**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Please call the office and leave a message if you have a non-urgent need. Your call is important to us and will be returned as soon as possible. If you have an emergency, please call 911. If your need is urgent and cannot wait for a call back, please call your primary care provider.



**FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM**

**P.O. Box 41**

**Peaks Island, Maine 04108**

**(207) 766-3330 • [fifthmaine@juno.com](mailto:fifthmaine@juno.com)**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2011 season such a success!! Whether you've contributed time, energy, talent or money, or stopped by with your friends and houseguests, it's all greatly appreciated. Without your support the Fifth Maine would not be able to open its doors to the community.

We're already planning for next season. Look for two camps for kids – Civil War and Time Travel. And the House Tour committee is planning an historical tour with a surprise twist. With the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration entering its second year in 2012, we'll be hosting some new activities to remember that important national conflict.

The Hall is now buttoned up for what we hope will be a short winter's sleep. But do keep in mind that our museum shop is available year-round by calling Kim at 766-5514. We'll also have a table at the Jingle Bell Fair at Brackett Church on Dec. 10 with items from the shop.

We wish you all a happy holiday season!.

## News from the Peaks Island Community Food Pantry

The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry is truly a community effort, with donations and support provided by many different individuals and organizations from Peaks Island. We are now housed in the Brackett Memorial Church Hall and we are open Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30pm until 6pm.

We are extremely grateful for any donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items (no out of date food items, please). Some of the items we particularly need are: spaghetti sauce, canned peas, tuna fish, canned meats, toilet paper, paper towels and single serve microwavable meals. We have a collection box located in the Douglas MacVane Community Center – aka the library—or bring donations directly to the food pantry during opening hours.

Cash donations are especially helpful as it allows us to provide clients with \$10 Hannigan's vouchers for fresh fruit, vegetables, bakery, dairy and meat items. Please call Susan Hanley, 766-2735, for more information, to request food drop off, or to arrange donation pick up.

For a wonderful, fun way to support the food pantry, come to the one night only production of "Under Milk Wood" written by Dylan Thomas. "Under Milk Wood" tells the story of a day in the life of a Welsh fishing village. It was originally written in 1954 as a radio play to be performed by the famous poet himself, however, Dylan Thomas died suddenly and the work was taken up by Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, and many others. It is a lyrical, funny and insightful look at life in a small village, something islanders will appreciate. The performance will be at the Brackett Memorial Church on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm. Admission is by donation to the food pantry, bring either food items or cash. Thanks!



## Peaks Island Children's Workshop News

Things are getting very exciting at the PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP! Celeste Bridgford has been brought on board as our new Teacher/Director, and we are currently interviewing for the new full-time and part-time teacher positions.

The PICW is offering FREE BABYSITTING to island families on December 17<sup>th</sup> – PARENTS NIGHT OUT! Finish up that last-minute shopping, go on a date, see a movie... it runs from 2PM – 9PM, and space is limited so please call 766-2854 before December 14<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot – but hurry, because they are going quick!

If you haven't heard just yet, please note that the PEAKS ISLAND FOOD PANTRY has been relocated to BRACKETT CHURCH, and it is up and running.

And please note that we will be CLOSED for the DECEMBER HOLIDAY from DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, and we reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We wish everyone a most excellent holiday season, and a very happy and healthy NEW YEAR!



## **December at the Peaks Island Branch Library**

**in the Community Building    766-5540    email [peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)**

**Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12**

**Library will be OPEN for ALL regular hours in December**

**Are you E-Ready?** The Peaks Island Branch is planning an **E-Reader Workshop** for islanders who have an E-Reader but would like some help learning how to download free books from the library catalog or for those who do not have an E-Reader but would like to see how they work. The tentative time and date are **Saturday, January 14, 10 am** at the library. If you are interested, please let us know if this time and date will work for you.

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion:** December 6, the book will be *Tough Island: True Stories from Matinicus, Maine* by Crash Barry, with Rob Tiffany as moderator. The group is planning to meet and discuss the book for a while and then Skype with the author. If the technology works, it should be a lot of fun. Everyone is welcome. The book for January 3 is *Thirteen Moons*, a Novel by Charles Frazier. To reserve a library copy, come in, call or email the library. All meetings begin at 7 pm.

**Library Pajama Party** coming up in January. On Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 pm, Mrs. Crowley-Rockwell will read bedtime stories at a Library Pajama Party. We'll have milk and cookies, your children can come in their pj's, and they'll be ready for bed when you get home.

**Give Your Child a Priceless Holiday Present** and it won't break your budget. If they are 5 or over, you can give them a Library Card and a Weekly Visit to the library to see their friends, use the computers and check out books and movies. A number of children have told us how much they would like to come to the library. Why not give them that gift?

**PreSchool Story Time** Fridays at 10:15. All island children and visitors are welcome.

### **What's up with the Taxi**

We have another generous donation coming our way on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Inn between 9am-2pm---The Craft Fair.

The participants have agreed to donate the money from the raffle to us and the table fees still go to the Loretta Voyer Fund.

So come on down--buy a gift or two by supporting local craft people and buy plenty of raffle tickets. Each table donates an item for the raffle so there should be at least 18-20 different choices.

Tickets are \$1 each----6 for \$5 ---or----15 for \$10 !

Thanks for "Keepin the wheels rollin" in the TAXI.

**NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE:** Sunday, December 25 by 6 pm. If you will be busy that day, please turn in your articles EARLY, but not late, please.



## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Best way to contact Denise is via email at [d1m@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:d1m@portlandmaine.gov) or you may leave a message (766-2970). Please check Denise's bulletin board for her schedule.

### COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 (snow date will be Dec. 10)

This annual event takes place at the living tree “down front” from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Visit with Santa, decorate the tree, sing carols and then join in the count down to the lighting of the tree. Refreshments at Peaks Café after the outdoor celebration.

Please bring donations for PI's Food Pantry to the tree lighting, as well as any of the activities scheduled below – Thanks!

### OPEN HOUSE: DECORATIONS for “Living Tree”

Friday, December 2 Drop in from 11:00 am to 3:15 pm  
Stop by the community room to make ornaments for the island “living tree”. There will be plenty of material (recycled cards) for you to bring some decorations home. Please bring creative ideas.

### FIRST MONDAY FUN for PRESCHOOLERS/ADULTS

Monday, December 5 11am to 12 pm (com. rm.)  
Bring your little ones for crafts, music and fun

### FINISHING UP PEAKS ISLAND'S LONGEST SCARF!

Monday, Dec. 5 Drop in between 12–2:00pm (com. rm.)  
Get a sneak preview of what our “longest scarf” looks like!  
Last-minute scarves will be accepted today. Plans will be finalized for our island celebration (see below).

### CELEBRATING PI'S LONGEST SCARF

Thursday, December 8 2:45 – 3:30 pm  
Join us in the community room as we admire the beautiful scarves made by islanders and their friends, before donating them to local charities. Light refreshments will be served.

### OPEN HOUSE: “AROUND TUIT” WORKSHOP

Friday, December 9 11:00am – 2:00pm (in com. rm.)  
Drop in anytime to enjoy a cup of tea and cookies; bring a project to do (writing holiday cards, wrapping gifts, etc.)

### PORTLAND SHOPPING TRIP to RENYS (\$3 van fee)

Thursday, Dec. 15 12:45pm boat/4:30 or 5:35 pm return  
Spend an afternoon at Renys Department Store – if time permits, we will go to the Dollar Tree Store too.

### SCHOOL VACATION FUN – ALL AGES INVITED

Thursday, December 29  
BINGO from 10:45 – 11:45am  
BOARD GAMES from 1:00 – 3:00pm

Friday, December 30

NEW YEAR'S FUN at 12:00 noon

Take a look back at the fun we had in 2011 – and let's plan for more fun in 2012. BYO lunch if you'd like – cookies and other desserts will be available. Everyone invited!

### On-going exercise programs for Adults

FMI, please leave a message for Denise (766-2970)

#### Walking Program:

Mondays and Thursdays – meet at 8:30 in the com. rm.

#### Low-Impact Aerobics w/ Weights:

Mondays and Thursdays – 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm.)

#### Ping Pong:

Tuesday afternoons – 2:00 pm in the community room  
Wednesday mornings – 10:00 am in the community room

#### Adult Basketball (\$2 pp/per night):

Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 8:00 pm at PI School Gym



### Saturday Night Movies in December



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dec	6 PM	Dec	8 PM
3	<i>Cars 2</i> (1982) G, 82 min	3	<i>A Christmas Story</i> (1984) PG, 95 min
10	<i>The Year Without Santa Claus</i> (1974) NR, 51 min	10	<i>The Dead</i> (1987) PG, 83 min
17	<i>Super 8</i> (2011) PG-13, 112 min	17	<i>High Anxiety</i> (1977) PG, 94min

NO MOVIES Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve

Projectionists' Holiday Break

Happy Holidays to All!